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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR
A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR
VALUE OF THE UTILITY PROPERTY OF THE
COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,
TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF
RETURN THEREON, TO APPROVE RATE
SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH
RETURN.

Docket No. E-01345A-16-0036

IN THE MATTER OF FUEL AND
PURCHASED POWER PROCUREMENT
AUDITS FOR ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY.


Docket No. E-01345A-16-0123

**NOTICE OF FILING TESTIMONY
OF CYNTHIA ZWICK SUPPORTING
THE SETTLEMENT ON BEHALF OF
THE ARIZONA COMMUNITY
ACTION ASSOCIATION**

Arizona Community Action Association ("ACAA"), through its undersigned counsel,
hereby provides notice that it has this day filed the attached testimony of Cynthia Zwick
supporting the settlement agreement.

1 DATED this 3rd day of April, 2017.

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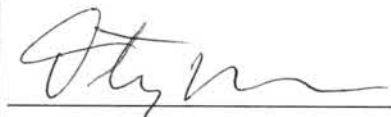
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Testimony of

Cynthia Zwick

Supporting the Settlement

On behalf of

Arizona Community Action Association

April 3, 2017

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Cynthia Zwick. My business address is 2700 N Third St Ste. 3040, Phoenix, AZ
3 85004.

4 **Q. What is your position at the Arizona Community Action Association?**

5 A. I serve as the Executive Director of Arizona Community Action Association (ACAA). I've
6 served in this position since 2003.

7 **Q. Have you filed testimony in this case?**

8 A. Yes, I filed direct testimony in this case.

9 **Q. Did you also participate in the settlement discussion and process?**

10 A. Yes I did.

11 **Q. What is the purpose of the testimony you are submitting today?**

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the Settlement Agreement filed in this docket on
13 March 27, 2017.

14 **Q. Please state your support for the settlement agreement.**

15 A. ACAA chose to intervene in this case in order to protect the interests of low-income customers in
16 APS's service territory. With a statewide poverty rate of 18%, this represents a significant
17 amount of APS's customer base. Low-income customers have much higher energy burdens than
18 the average customer, and they are disconnected much more frequently, without heat in the winter
19 or air conditioning in the summer.

20 This settlement makes strides to ameliorate these issues. By increasing the low-income discount
21 and low-income medical discount to 25% and 35% of a customer's bill, respectively, the energy
22 burden of many low-income customers will be reduced to a more affordable level. By
23 committing to fund bill assistance at \$1.25 million per year, the settlement provides for
24 assistance to the most vulnerable, ensuring that community agencies have enough assistance
25 funds to meet the need of the community.
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1 The AZ Sun program will provide the option to "go solar" for thousands of low-income
2 customers who never previously had the option. And, with a bill credit up to \$600 per year,
3 going solar will provide a financial benefit to these customers.

4 ACAA attended the majority of the settlement meetings and was able to express its concerns with
5 the proposal. ACAA believes this is a reasonable outcome to the negotiation that has been
6 conducted in good faith between the parties in this case. ACAA thanks the members of the
7 Commission for the opportunity to participate in the settlement discussions.
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9 **Q. Why do you recommend Commission approval for the Settlement Agreement?**

10 A. ACAA believes this settlement agreement represents a just and reasonable outcome for APS
11 customers and deserves the Commission's approval.

12 **Q. Does that conclude your testimony?**

13 A. Yes, it does, thank you.
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